

**JOINT COMMITTEE for ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING**  
Alabama Board of Nursing and Alabama Board of Medical Examiners  
770 Washington Ave  
Montgomery, Alabama

Fiscal Year 2017  
September 19, 2017  
Scheduled Meeting

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Beverly Jordan, MD, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm on September 19, 2017.

Joint Committee members present:

Natalie Baker, DNP, CRNP  
Sheila Lopez, CNM  
Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, MSN, RN, CRNP  
Beverly Flowers Jordan, MD  
John S. Meigs Jr., MD  
Dick Owens, MD (left meeting at 6:41 pm, returned at 6:47 pm)

Staff members present:

The Alabama Board of Nursing:  
Peggy Benson, Executive Officer, NE-BC, MSN, MSHA, RN  
Dawn Daniel, MSN, RN, Nurse Consultant for Advanced Practice  
Sharon Tubbs, Administrative Assistant

The Alabama Board of Medical Examiners:

Pat Ward, Collaborative Practice Consultant  
Amy Wybenga, Collaborative Practice Consultant

Joint Committee Visitors

Eileen Meyer, CRNP, Assistant Director Advanced Practice, UAB  
Susan Alexander, CRNP  
Robin Lawson, CRNP  
Talyia Cauley, CRNP  
Aeryn Peck, RN

**2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

A quorum was declared with three nurse members and three physician members present.

**3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Prior notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

On September 19, 2017, Dr. Owens moved that the Committee adopt the Agenda as presented to include the modifications for adding Items 7 H Critical Care Skills and Amended Item 8. Dr. Baker seconded. Motion carried without objection.

## 5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

**On September 19, 2017**, Dr. Baker moved that the Joint Committee adopt the minutes of **July 18, 2017**, as presented with the modification to the first motion on page three regarding application for Cystoscopy with requirements of 100 supervised procedures, this motion did carry. Dr. Owens seconded. Motion carried without objection.

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### A. 2018 Joint Committee Meeting Dates

The 2018 Proposed Schedule for Joint Committee meeting dates was adopted. The dates will be posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act and are as follows:

January 16, 2018  
 March 20, 2018  
 May 15, 2018  
 July 17, 2018  
 September 18, 2018  
 November 13, 2018

**On September 19, 2017**, Dr. Baker moved that the Joint Committee adopt the 2018 Proposed Schedule for Joint Committee meeting dates. Dr. Owens seconded. Motion carried without objection.

### B. Scope of Practice List Serve to CRNP

Per Dr. Jordan's request/recommendation at the July 2017 Joint Committee meeting, Alabama Board of Nursing (ABN) sent information about scope of practice to all CRNPs via a List serve message on July 27, 2017; ABN Facebook post; ABN e-Newsletter, August 2017; and placement in FAQ section of ABN website.

**On September 19, 2017**, the Joint Committee members received as information.

### C. ENT Skills Blythe MD and Genetski CRNP

Joint Committee members discussed whether performing Flexible Laryngoscopy; Flexible Nasopharyngoscopy; Diagnostic Nasal Endoscopy, Flexible and Rigid; and Removal of Nasal Cavity Foreign body with Nasal Endoscopy are within the legal scope of practice for a certified registered nurse practitioner.

Dr. Meigs reminded the committee that these procedures were a special carve out for UAB and the initial approval was only for Stroboscopy which is a functional evaluation not diagnostic.

Dr. Meigs stated that the Board of Medicine wishes to move away from special categories for approval and work on developing criteria that will be used to credential anyone, regardless of location of practice.

Dr. Meigs voiced that the concern is not with the technical aspect of the procedures but the experience in making the diagnosis based on what you see.

**On September 19, 2017**, Dr. Meigs moved that the Committee defer requested skills: Flexible Laryngoscopy; Flexible Nasopharyngoscopy; Diagnostic Nasal Endoscopy, Flexible and Rigid; and Removal of Nasal Cavity Foreign body with Nasal Endoscopy until the Boards complete development of criteria, at which time, this request will be reconsidered. Dr. Baker seconded. Motion carried without objection.

**D. Wing CRNP Closed Fx Reduction**

Joint Committee members discussed whether closed fracture reduction of the radius and ulna in adults under hematoma block is within the scope of practice for a certified registered nurse practitioner.

Dr. Meigs shared that this procedure has been previously approved for PAs.

Ms. Daniel informed the Joint Committee that the initial training would include 25 procedures with the physician and continued competency requires 15 procedures per year.

**On September 19, 2017**, Dr. Meigs moved that the Joint Committee approve the request to train for closed fracture reduction of the radius and ulna in adults under hematoma block as presented. Dr. Baker seconded. Motion carried without objection.

**E. Rule Change for Unexpected Physician Absence**

Recent unexpected deaths of physicians have caused the PA and NP departments of the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners (ABME) to seek a change in the rules of the ABME and the Alabama Board of Nursing (ABN). The proposed change will authorize the temporary appointment of a collaborating physician in the event of an unanticipated, permanent absence of a physician in a collaborative agreement.

The rules which will be effected are ABN Rules 610-X-5-.09 and .20 and BME Rules 540-X-8-.08 and .22 and will read as follows:

610-X-5-.09(3) and .22(3) - In the event of an unanticipated, permanent absence of a collaborating physician, a previously approved covering physician may be designated as a temporary collaborating physician for a period of up to sixty (60) days. During the sixty (60) day time period, an application designating a new collaborating physician should be submitted for approval.

540-X-8-.08(3) - In the event of an unanticipated, permanent absence of a collaborating physician, a previously approved covering physician may be designated as a temporary collaborating physician for a period of up to sixty (60) days. During the sixty (60) day time period, a new "Notice of Commencement" designating a new collaborating physician should be submitted for approval.

**On September 19, 2017**, the Joint Committee members received as information.

F. Stress Test Protocol Revision for CRNP

The Joint Committee discussed the revision of the language on the Standard Protocol to reflect performance of Cardiac Stress Testing, regardless of the use of mechanical and/or chemical stress agents which more accurately reflects the current standard of clinical practice.

Dr. Baker stated that it would probably be more beneficial to remove specific pharmacological names from the language.

Ms. Daniel clarified that the modification made would be the removal of Dobutamine and Persantine from the Standard Protocol.

**On September 19, 2017**, Dr. Meigs moved that the Joint Committee approve the revision of GXT-Stress Echocardiogram & Graded Exercise Testing on CRNP Standard Protocols as presented. Dr. Baker seconded. Motion carried without objection.

G. Election of Chairperson

Ms. Daniel informed the Joint Committee that it is time to alternate the position of Chairperson from physician to nurse and this is coming to the members for a vote. The term will run October 1, 2017 thru September 30, 2018.

**On September 19, 2017**, Dr. Meigs moved that the Joint Committee appoint the Senior nurse (Dr. Baker) to the position of Chairperson. Dr. Jordan seconded. Motion carried without objection.

H. Critical Care Skills

Ms. Ward presented research to be considered for the expansion of Critical Care Skills allowed in Level I and Level II Trauma Centers. This information is to be used for ongoing discussion.

**On September 19, 2017**, the Joint Committee received as information.

**8. APPLICATIONS FOR COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE**

The roster includes all collaborative practice applications that were complete by August 25, 2017, for Collaborative Practice agreements.

A. Withdrawn/Terminated Collaborations

As of August 25, 2017, the following applicants Withdrew or Terminated Temporary Approval before or after the publication of the Joint Committee agenda.

## Prior to publication of the roster (not listed on the roster)

Period	Nurse	RN License	Physician	Physician License
06/27/2017-08/10/2017	Jerry Outlaw	1-070149	Robert Williams	MD13653
07/24/2017 – 08/11/2017	Melody Smith	1-057016	Bilal Khan	MD34362
8/7/2017 – 08/19/2017	Christy Myrick	1-105765	Richard Maughon	MD21909
7/28/2017-08/19/2017	Dana McCullar	1-113756	John Bivona	MD27607
8/3/2017-8/15/2017	Larry Thomas	1-118924	Benjamin Citrin	MD18816
8/8/2017-8/30/2017	Lillian Abdur-Rahman	1-160908	Jefferson Underwood	MD10805
8/22/2017-8/31/2017	Saphia Beckles	1-143702	Marie Glenn	MD27073

## After publication of the roster

Item Number	Period	Nurse	RN License	Physician	Physician License
85-1	08/21/2017 – 09/08/2017	Michelle Jtineant	1-087946	Brenda Peak	DO337
84-3	07/31/2017 – 09/08/2017	Kimkeisha Mitchell	1-127439	Adeeb Thomas	MD15172
172-1	08/01/2017-09/15/2017	Claudette Wygal	1-049074	Ghaith Ajamoughli	MD19459

**On September 19, 2017**, Dr. Meigs moved that the Joint Committee approve the applications for collaborative practice for the period from date of temporary approval through date of withdrawal or termination, as stated. Dr. Baker seconded. Motion carried without objection.

B. Applications for Full Review

The applications for 'Full Review' include Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations and/or Covering Physicians.

1. Items 1-1 thru 66-1, Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations, and/or Covering Physicians.

**On September 19, 2017**, Dr. Meigs moved that the Joint Committee approve the collaborative practice agreements for Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with/without Remote Locations and/or Covering Physicians, Items 1-1 thru 66-1 as listed on the roster, excluding item(s): Item 8A, which was terminated, Item 16-1 which was denied, and Item 57-1 which requires clarification that approval is granted only for podiatry care with referrals. Dr. Baker seconded. Motion carried without objection.

2. Items 67-3 thru 97-3, Modify Existing Collaborative Practice, with/without Remote Locations and/or Covering Physicians, plus Additional Skills.

On September 19, 2017, Dr. Baker moved that the Joint Committee approve Modify Existing Collaborative Practice, with/without Remote locations and/or Covering Physicians, plus Additional Skills, Items 67-3 thru 97-3 as listed on the roster, excluding Items 67-3 for which the new sites were denied and additional information regarding the functionality of the collaboration will be requested and Item 78-3 for which the requested skills were deferred. Dr. Meigs seconded. Motion carried without objection.

3. Items 98-4 thru 120-4, Collaborative Practice Applications which are more than 28 days old and for which the physician fee is unpaid.

Item #	App Type	License #	Nurse Name	Physician Name	Application Date
98-4	Add New	1-097267	Melissa April Johnson	Kelly, Patrick Francis	01/27/2017
99-4	Add New	1-105800	Stephanie Deanda	MacRae, David Haskins	03/30/2017
100-4	Add New	1-109344	Jerrie McQueen	Lievens, William Edward	04/05/2017
101-4	Add New	1-124118	Amber Yartins	Mikul, Larry Stephen	04/19/2017
102-4	Add New	1-107277	Mary Hanaway	Boudreaux, Arthur Michael	05/17/2017
103-4	Add New	1-094504	Toni Hosea	Nicke, Robert John	05/30/2017
104-4	Add New	1-107936	Kristen Beverly	Sargeant, William Osgood	05/31/2017
105-4	CRNP	1-115158	Melanie Ellison	Burgess, John Haley	06/02/2017
106-4	CRNP	1-154302	Megin Myers	Epelboim-Feldman, Joyce	06/10/2016
107-4	Add New	1-081016	Ameshia Bush-Taylor	Lipscomb, Geoffrey Scott	06/26/2017
108-4	Add New	1-141073	Kennedy Tolbert	Pava, Bruce Myles	07/24/2017
109-4	Add New	1-095342	Ellen Butler	Affan , Anna Maria	07/26/2017
110-4	Add New	1-119514	Elizabeth Luscher	Handwerger, Adam Jay	08/02/2017
111-4	CRNP	1-139508	Patricia Scott	Ismail, Muhammad Sami	08/06/2015
112-4	Add New	1-102824	Sheena Hunter	Sharma, Sunil Kumar	08/08/2017
113-4	Add New	1-106773	Chikisha Flint	Davis, Christine Ann	08/08/2017
114-4	Add New	1-057016	Melody Smith	Clark, Amy Tucker	08/10/2017
115-4	Add New	1-100198	Jennifer Fortson	McNeal, Jonathan Edward	08/10/2017
116-4	CRNP	1-142177	Joshunda Carson	Berec, Louis Alojz	08/11/2017
117-4	Add New	1-116238	Casey Gladney	Feely, Emily Dolbare	08/14/2017
118-4	Add New	1-085057	Belinda Isley	Beshears, Joe Charles	08/15/2017
119-4	Add New	1-081016	Ameshia Bush-Taylor	Franklin, Coleridge Taylor	08/17/2017
120-4	Add New	1-054373	Beatrice Norris	Patel, Urmil Suresh	08/17/2017

On September 19, 2017, Dr. Meigs moved that the Joint Committee withdraw from consideration Collaborative Practice Applications which are more than 28 days old and for which the physician fee is unpaid in compliance with the Red Tape Reduction Act (Code of Alabama 1975 Section 41-22-5.1). Excluding Items 116-4 for which physician fee was received 9/19/2017 and Item 115-4 for which physician fee was received 9/20/2017. Dr. Baker seconded. Motion carried without objection.

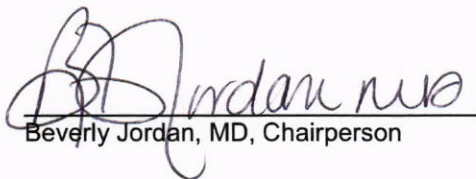
9. **INFORMATION AND OTHER BUSINESS**

10. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners located at 848 Washington Ave, Montgomery, Alabama.

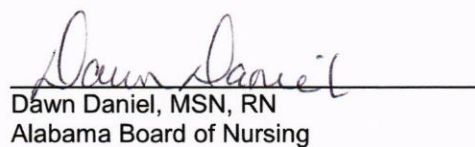
11. **ADJOURNMENT**

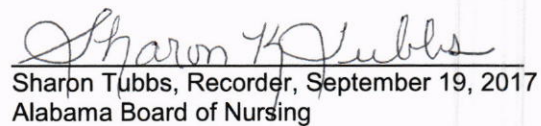
Dr. Baker moved for adjournment. Dr. Meigs seconded. The Joint Committee meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm on September 19, 2017.

  
Beverly Jordan, MD, Chairperson

11-15-2017  
Date of Approval

Submitted by:

  
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Alabama Board of Nursing

  
Sharon Tubbs, Recorder, September 19, 2017  
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